

# CROSSWINDS

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**VIEWING COMMON HONOREES** Friends of Fallbrook held a special ceremony on Veterans Day to honor the newest inductees to the Fallbrook Airpark's Hall of Fame. Captain Fred S. Losch, USMC Ret. and John R. Rossi have both received plaques in their names. Captain Losch was a distinguished member of the famed Black Sheep Squadron, and Mr. Rossi a former flight leader with the Flying Tigers and a WWII Ace.

**GROUND BREAKING NEWS** The San Diego County Sheriff's Department has begun construction on its Fire & Rescue Helicopter crew quarters. The project is projected to be completed near February 1st and then Fallbrook will be staffed full-time with the personnel to operate this great new asset to residents countywide.

**A VERY GOOD YEAR** 2005 was a busy year for our little Airpark. The Fallbrook Master Plan is in the final stages of completion. It's expected that Airport Layout Plan will be finalized by mid-January 2006 and that the Master Plan will go to the Board of Supervisors for approval in February 2006...The L18, Inc. development was completed in October...The Aircraft Hangar Management, LLC development project is approximately 60% completed...

Under the direction of Airport Management and Maintenance staff, an Eagle Scout project was completed that consisted of the redesign and landscaping of the airport's main entrance area...In conjunction with the Fallbrook Chamber of Commerce and the Fallbrook Avocado Festival Committee, the County airport staff hosted nearly 3,000 people at its annual open house...A walking trail has been cut through the canyon, below and adjacent to the transient road. It's a nice new feature to the airport and we hope you'll spend many hours enjoying it...



(L-R) Airports Director, Pete Drinkwater, Sup. Bill Horn, Sheriff Bill Kollender, and Fire Department representatives break ground for the new crew quarters at the Sheriff's fire and rescue heliport.

A plan has been completed for additional security fencing around the airport. Funded by a Federal Department of Homeland Security grant, this project is expected to be completed in 2006...Three Young Eagle days were held at Fallbrook Airpark in 2005. These events were sponsored by the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) and featured pilots and aircraft owners who donate their aircraft, fuel and time to introduce young people from 9 to 14 to the world of aviation...With direction from the North County Fire Department, we have established an emergency response program for the airport. This month, the Airport Manager began conducting a series of six indoctrination briefings with the California Division of Forestry, Sheriff's Department and the entire staff of North County Fire. Every first responder is given a tour of the airport and a briefing on the airport's operations. In addition, an airport "fact sheet" has been prepared and will be placed in every North County Fire Department vehicle. Beginning in early 2006, a series of emergency, life-like, drills will take place at the Airpark, including a mock aircraft accident, an aircraft fire in a hangar and a fire and explosion at the Airpark's fuel station. Yes, it was a very busy year indeed.



John Rossi (r) and Fred Losch stand proudly beside their plaques of honor on Veteran's Day '05.

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